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**TOWN OF SHARON**



**ANNUAL WARRANT**  
with Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee

**TOWN ELECTION**  
Tuesday, May 7, 2002  
7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Sharon High School Gymnasium

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
Monday, May 13, 2002  
8:00 P.M. Meeting at the  
Arthur E. Collins - Auditorium  
Sharon High School, Pond Street

***PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING***

Registered voters of Sharon planning to attend this meeting  
needing an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter are  
urged to call the Selectmen's Office – 781-784-1515

**YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER TO  
ATTEND THIS MEETING**

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**OPEN WARRANT MEETING**

**Monday, April 29, 2002**

**8:00 P.M.**

**Sharon Town Offices  
Hearing Room  
(Lower Level)**

***INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL ARTICLES***



## FINANCE COMMITTEE WARRANT INTRODUCT



Sharon voters face difficult decisions at this year's Annual Town Meeting.

In recent years, Sharon has been fortunate. A robust economy enabled the state to substantially increase local aid several years in a row, and budgets were planned based on annual sizable increases in state aid. However, even with those increases, spending was in excess of financial revenues and Sharon citizens voted to raise taxes the past two years. This year, the state's income reflects a weakened economy. Consequently, our decisions may be made more difficult by a predicted 10% decrease in local aid – about \$850,000 in Sharon..

Unfortunately, the Town's costs continue to rise – primarily for salaries, but also for health insurance, unemployment insurance, and Medicare. In addition, the previous approval of significant capital improvements, including renovation and expansion of the East and Cottage Schools, will result in a significant increase in debt service costs.

The Finance Committee believes that the current situation was predictable and if not avoidable could, at least have been minimized by better financial planning in the past. Unfortunately, there is apparently very little appreciation that past decisions and practices have led inevitably to our current difficulties. With that in mind, please realize that the decisions we make at this Town Meeting will have unavoidable consequences next year and beyond.

A sense of increasing urgency has led the Finance Committee to differ with the Board of Selectmen, the Library Trustees and the School Committee on recommended budgets (Article 5) and borrowing for several capital items and projects (Articles 14 through 22). While we understand the desire to offer the best possible services to the people of our community, we believe this year we can simply no longer afford to "have it all."

If there was ever a year for prudent budgeting, it is this year. We can simply no longer afford our usual pattern of spending without considering the consequences for the future. Budget increases voted this year become the base for next year's budget – perpetuating the pattern of budget shortfalls and increasing our dependence on uncertain bounty from the state.

We hope all concerned citizens will join us at Town Meeting to debate and vote. The decisions we reach then will have far-reaching consequences for the financial health of our town.

### THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Colleen Tuck, Chair; Paul Pietal & William Heitin, Vice-Chairs; David Grasfield, Clerk  
Sandra Atlas-Gordon, Paul Bergeron, Marc Bluestein, David Fixler,  
Thomas Gillen, Charles Goodman, David Hearne, Daniel Sirkin

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Norfolk, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at the Sharon High School on Pond Street in said Sharon on Monday the 13 of May, 2002, at 8:00 P.M., and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the School Department budget for Fiscal Year 2002, as voted under Article 5 of the May 7, 2001 Annual Town Meeting, to defray charges and expenses of the School Department, or take any other action related thereto.

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The School Department may not need additional appropriations for the current fiscal year (FY02). The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Reserve for Appropriations Account to the Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Public Works budget, or act in any way relative thereto.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article will allow the town accountant to transfer \$24,000 in payments from an insurance provider into the Department of Public Works Vehicle Maintenance Account to pay for repairs to a vehicle. Payments received by the town in excess of \$20,000 require a Town Meeting vote.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 7-0-1

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ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund known as the Recreation Department Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund is to support the fee-based recreation department programs. Receipts to be deposited into this fund shall be monies collected from users of the recreation department programs and facilities. The Recreation Director, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed \$100,000.00

Or to act in any relating thereto.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this Article will create a new Revolving Fund for the Recreation Department. Fees from Recreation Department programs will go into this fund, supporting programs to pay for equipment and a portion of the Athletic Director's salary, making these Programs self-supporting. If approved, the fund must be re-authorized annually at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 6-2-3

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19 day of March, A.D., 2002.

WALTER JOE ROACH, CHAIR

ALLEN M. GARF

NORMAN KATZ

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

A True Copy: JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN, Constable  
Sharon, Massachusetts

Dated: March 19, 2002

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street in said Sharon on Tuesday the seventh day of May A.D. 2000, at 7:00 A.M., and there to act on the following articles:

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## ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary Town Offices as by law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk to wit: one member of the Board of Selectmen, three-year term; one Town Clerk, three-year term; one Moderator, three-year term; one member, Board of Assessors, three-year term; two members of the School Committee, three-year terms; one member of the Planning Board, five-year term; one member of the Housing Authority, five-year term; one member of the Planning Board, five-year term; two Trustees of the Public Library, three-year terms; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot, to wit:

### QUESTION NO. 1

Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$3,880,000 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the Public Schools, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2002?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTION NO. 2

Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$618,106 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the purpose of defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including the Fire, Police, Health, Public Works and Recreation Departments; exclusive of the Public Schools and Public Library, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2002?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



### QUESTION NO. 3

Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$35,000 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the Public Library, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTION NO. 4

Shall the Town of Sharon accept Sections 3 through 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, the so-called "Community Preservation Act," a summary of which appears below, as approved under Article 7 of the December 3, 2001 Special Town Meeting?

Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas; (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites; and (3) create affordable housing.

In Sharon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use); (2) historic resources; and (3) affordable housing.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

The following Articles will be acted on at the business meeting of this meeting, to be held by adjournment on Monday, May 13, 2002, at 8:00 P.M. at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium, Pond Street.

## ARTICLE 2

To choose four members of the Finance Committee for three-year terms, and to fill any vacancies on said committee.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 8-0-1

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## ARTICLE 3

To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports and to act thereon.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 8-0-1

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## ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Sharon as follows, or act in anyway relating thereto:

A. By adopting as amendments to said By-Law, the following interim and/or emergency changes, additions or deletions made by the Personnel Board in its authority under Section 2.6 of the By-Law:

1) To change the non-union employees' vacation benefits. The following shall take effect as of January 1, 2002: Any employee who has been working for the Town after 16 years shall be given 21 days of vacation; after 17 years will receive 22 days; 18 years will receive 23 days; 19 years will receive 24 days; and 20 years and there after will receive 25 days of vacation.

2) To increase the salary for the position of the Administrative Assistant to the High School Expansion Building Committee to \$16.00/hour for FY2000, retroactive; \$17.00/hour for FY2001, retroactive; and \$18.00/hour for FY2002, retroactive.

3) To increase the salary for the position of the Administrative Assistant to the Sharon Standing Building Committee to \$15.42/hour effective August 20, 2001.



4) To reduce the pay schedule for the position of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works from \$85,646/year to \$80,000/year for the period of October 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

5) To provide the position of Superintendent of Public Works a temporary \$100/per week stipend, retroactive to 10/01/01 for providing Town Engineer administrative services until that position is filled, or until otherwise determined by the Board of Selectmen.

6) To create the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health under the Office Occupation Classification, Grade 3b, effective July 1, 2000. The pay range according to the current by-laws will be:

July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$15.34	\$15.65	\$15.95	\$16.27	\$16.60
Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
\$16.93	\$17.27	\$17.62	\$17.97	\$18.33

July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$15.80	\$16.12	\$16.43	\$16.76	\$17.10
Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
\$17.44	\$17.79	\$18.15	\$18.51	\$18.88

B. By striking out all classification schedules and pay schedules in Appendix A and Appendix B and substituting new classification schedules and new pay schedules Appendix A and Appendix B as of July 1, 2002, except as other dates are specified.

#### APPENDIX A

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTION ENTITLED 1.100-1.300 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTION 2.100-2.300 ARE NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

#### EXECUTIVE CATEGORY JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

#### SECTION 1.100 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

#### SECTION 2.100 PAY SCHEDULE/ANNUALLY

#### CODE

E-1	Police Chief	\$	107,021
E-1	Superintendent of Public Works	\$	83,200*
E-1	Fire Chief	\$	77,664
E-3	Treasurer/Collector D.P. Mgr.	\$	72,134**
E-3	Town Engineer	\$	70,000
E-3	Data Processing Systems Administrator	\$	71,403
E-3	Library Director	\$	68,132
E-3	Recreation Director	\$	65,520
E-3	Town Accountant	\$	63,186
E-4	Assistant Assessor	\$	59,498
E-4	Council on Aging Exec. Dir.	\$	52,546

\* Does not include temporary \$100/week stipend for providing Town Engineer administrative services until that position is filled, or until otherwise determined by the Board of Selectmen

\*\* Does not include Data Processing Manager additional compensation of \$10,102 per year.

SECTION 1.200  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.000  
PAY SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (HRLY)

Effective 7/1/02

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	21.69	22.19	22.68	23.19	23.71	24.25	25.79	25.35	25.93	26.50

Note: Position is hereby entitled to benefits provided to ATP/MP Association per provisions of contract, on file in Town Accountant Offices, as follows: Article III "Longevity," Article IV "Leave," Article V "Sick Leave," Article VI "Hours of Work" (with premium rates applicable after 37.5 hrs/wk) Article VII "Miscellaneous Benefits" (J) Special Eyeglasses.

SECY-BOARD OF SELECT/ELEC. SECY (HRLY)

Effective 7 /1/02

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	15.42	15.72	16.04	16.36	16.69	17.03	17.37	17.72	18.07	18.42

Note: Position is hereby entitled to contract benefit provisions, on file in Town Accountant Offices, per Agreement between Town and Local 925 as follows: Article 7, "Hours of Work" Article 8 " Sick Leave," Article 9 "Vacations," Article 10 "Holiday," Article 12 "Insurance," Article 13(g) "Longevity," Article 17 "Bereavement Leave," Article 23(3) "Technological Change."

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1.300  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002

SECTION 2.300  
PAY SCHEDULE

TITLE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
VETERANS' AGENT (YRLY)					11,145.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES (YRLY)					3,183.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FILL-IN (DAILY/VACATION)					36.05/51.50
ANIMAL INSPECTOR (YRLY)					3,000.00
CUST/MAINT (HOURLY)	6.21	6.40	6.58	6.78	
DPW TEMP/SUMMER LABOR (HRLY)	7.75	8.49	9.28		
LIBRARY PAGE (HRLY)	7.16	7.37	7.59	7.82	
ADM. SECRETARY - H.S. Expansion (HRLY)					18.00
FINANCE COMM. (HRLY)	10.66	11.93	12.86	13.51	15.59
STANDING BLDG COMM. (HRLY)					15.88
USER GROUP FACILITATOR(WKLY)					35.00



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - PART-TIME  
EFFECTIVE May 1, 2002 (HRLY)

Step 1

Waterfront Supervisor	13.39
Swimming Instructor	9.27
Lifeguard	8.24
Head Attendant/Maint. Supv.	9.27
Attendant/Maint.	8.24
Sailing Supervisor	13.39
Sailing Instructor	9.27
Tag & Sticker Clerk	12.78 ***

\*\*\* Rate is unchanged from prior fiscal year

APPENDIX B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTIONS ENTITLED 1.400-1.800 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTIONS 2.400-2.800 ARE COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY  
(FORMERLY ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY)

SECTION 1.400  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.400  
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

MP-0	Building Inspector**	MP-3	Athletic Supervisor Asst. Operations Supervisor Case Manager*
MP-1	Health Administrator* Operations Supervisor Water Systems Supervisor Public Health Nurse*		Children's Service Librarian*** Engineering Aide/GIS Tech Engineering Aide/Health Agent Technical Services Librarian***
MP-2	Animal Control Officer* Asst. Recreation Director* Asst. Town Engineer Business Manager Conservation Agent Forestry & Grounds Supervisor Info Services/Asst. Library Dir	MP-4	Information Service Librarian*/***
			Technical Support Specialist

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 \*\*\*\*

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
MP-0	24.11	24.65	25.20	25.77	26.36	26.94	27.55	28.17	28.81	29.46
MP-1	22.53	23.05	23.56	24.09	24.63	25.19	25.76	26.33	26.92	27.54
MP-2	21.06	21.54	22.02	22.51	23.02	23.54	24.07	24.61	25.17	25.73
MP-3	19.32	19.76	20.20	20.65	21.12	21.59	22.08	22.58	23.09	23.60
MP-4	17.57	17.96	18.37	18.77	19.20	19.64	20.07	20.52	20.99	21.46

\*The following positions work other than a 40 hour work week:

Information Services/Asst. Library Director 37.5 hours  
Public Health Nurse 30 hours

Animal Control Officer 25 hours  
 Asst. Recreation Director 37.5 hours  
 Case Manager 28 hours  
 Health Administrator 35 hours

\*\*The Building Inspector was at a grade MP-1 for FY'00.

\*\*\*The benefits are covered by the Office/Clerical category contract.

\*\*\*\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

#### LABOR CATEGORY

(FORMERLY INDUSTRIAL, TRADE AND SERVICES CATEGORY)

#### SECTION 1.500

##### CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

L-1 Assistant Water Supervisor  
 L-2 Master Mechanic  
 Working Foreman Operations  
 Working Foreman Water  
 Working Foreman Forestry & Grnds  
 Senior Water Systems Technician  
 L-3 Aerial Lift (Truck Driver) Foreman  
 Heavy Equipment Operator  
 Night Custodian  
 Water System Technician

#### SECTION 2.500

##### PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

L-4 Auto Equipment Operator Water  
 Auto Equipment Operator  
 Maintenance Man/Custodian DPW  
 Custodian Community Center

L-5

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 \*\*\*\*

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
L-1	18.43	18.80	19.18	19.56	19.95	20.35	20.76	21.17	21.59	22.03
L-2	17.49	17.84	18.19	18.56	18.93	19.31	19.69	20.09	20.49	20.90
L-3	16.59	16.92	17.26	17.61	17.96	18.32	18.68	19.06	19.44	19.83
L-4	15.74	16.06	16.38	16.70	17.04	17.38	17.73	18.08	18.44	18.81
L-5	14.71	15.01	15.31	15.61	15.92	16.24	16.57	16.90	17.24	17.58

\*\*\*\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

#### OFFICE OCCUPATION CATEGORY

(FORMERLY OFFICE CLERICAL CLASSIFICATION)

#### SECTION 1.600

##### CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

OC-1 Assistant Accountant  
 Assistant Collector  
 Assistant Treasurer  
 OC-2 Confidential Police Secretary  
 OC-3a Administrative Asst.-Ex Dir COA  
 Administrative Asst.-Assessor  
 Assistant Town Clerk  
 Circulation Supervisor  
 Information Services Librarian

#### SECTION 2.600

##### PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

OC-4b Bookkeeper  
 Police Clerk  
 Secretary to Operations Division  
 Secretary to Recreation Dept.  
 Secretary to Zoning Board Of Appeals  
 OC-5 Admin. Asst. to Planning Board  
 Bus/Van Driver  
 Secretary to Conservation Commission  
 Secretary to Personnel Board  
 Transportation Coordinator



OC-3b Collections Supervisor  
 Dispatcher\*  
 Treasury Supervisor (Payroll)  
 Admin. Asst. - Board of Health

OC-4a Administrative Asst. - Library  
 Election & Registration Clerk  
 Library Assistant  
 Secretary to Building & Engineering  
 Secretary to Fire Dept.  
 Secretary to Water Dept.  
 Secretary/Clerk Accounting  
 Senior Assessor Clerk  
 Technical Services Asst.

\*Additional compensation Supervisor/Dispatcher \$25.00 per week.

SECTION 1.600

SECTION 2.600

CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 \*\*\*\*

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Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
OC-1	19.80	20.19	20.59	21.00	21.43	21.86	22.29	22.73	23.20	23.66
OC-2	17.83	18.19	18.55	18.92	19.30	19.68	20.09	20.49	20.89	21.31
OC-3a	16.67	17.00	17.33	17.69	18.04	18.40	18.77	19.14	19.52	19.91
OC-3b	15.80	16.12	16.43	16.76	17.10	17.44	17.79	18.15	18.51	18.88
OC-4a	14.97	15.26	15.57	15.88	16.20	16.53	16.86	17.20	17.54	17.88
OC-4b	14.19	14.47	14.76	15.06	15.36	15.67	15.99	16.30	16.62	16.96
OC-5	12.78	13.04	13.30	13.57	13.84	14.12	14.41	14.70	14.99	15.29

\*\*\*\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY\*

SECTION 1.700

CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.700

PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Police Chief	PD-110					\$2,050.21**
Sergeant	PD-80					
Effective Date						
July 1, 2001						934.55

Patrolman	PD-60	PD-60A 1ST YR.	PD-60B 2ND YR.	PD-60C 3RD YR.	PD-60D 4TH YR.
Effective Date	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	
July 1, 2001	619.50	661.16	704.78	779.76	

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule for position code PD-60 and PD-80 do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the State.

Members of the Police Department while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation to be considered part of their base pay as follows:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$40.00 PER WEEK
POLICE PROSECUTOR	\$40.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$22.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$22.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$22.54 PER WEEK
POLICE CLERK	\$10.00 PER WEEK***

\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

\*\*The pay of the Police Chief, including all overtime pay and extra pay for educational qualifications, shall be limited to \$2,050.21 per week, effective 7/1/02 (Non-Civil Service).

\*\*\*The Police Clerk while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive a \$10.00 per week stipend not to be considered part of the base pay.

Any patrolman, appointed without being required to take the written examination, shall be paid the base pay rate called for by step 1 of the pay schedule for a period of six months following his appointment, and, upon the expiration of said six-month period, shall be paid the base pay rate provided for by step 2 unless he shall have previously been employed full time as a police officer, in which case he shall be paid the base pay rate under the step he would have been paid if his prior employment had been in the Sharon Police Department. Notwithstanding the step increase or increases provided herein, a patrolman's probationary period shall be the probationary period provided for in 5-5 of this By-Law or in the collective bargaining agreement, whichever is applicable.

POLICE CROSSING GUARDS\*  
7/1/01 to 6/30/02\*\*

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
School Crossing Guard PD20	28.37	30.92	34.01
School Crossing Guard Supervisor PD20A			42.56

\*PD20 and PD20A-The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule shall be paid in the event that school is canceled due to snow.

\*\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.



SUPERIOR OFFICERS  
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002\*

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Lieutenant, Police Dept.					
Jan. 1, 2002	1344.65	1384.98	1426.56	1469.34	1513.42

\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 1.800 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE	SECTION 2.800 PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY
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JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5*
FIRE CHIEF	100					1,487.82
DEP FIRE CHIEF	99					1,279.63

\*The pay of the Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,487.82 per week for fiscal year 2002-2003. The pay of the Deputy Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,279.63 per week for fiscal year 2002-2003.

JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002 \*

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
CAPT.	FD-90				915.21
LT.	FD-80				905.43
FF.	FD-60	647.69	682.11	773.35	

\*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed

Members of the Fire Department in the above classifications who become certified, are certified or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians shall receive an annual stipend. Employees not now certified will be given the opportunity to obtain such certification, one at a time. Employees taking the certification course a second or subsequent time will receive overtime payments and tuition reimbursement only upon passing the EMT examination and becoming certified.

Members of the Fire Department are eligible to receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following educational incentive program:

For Fire Science Course approved in advance by the Fire Chief and successfully passed and credits certified, members of the Fire Department in the above classifications shall receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

FOR 15 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	\$ 200 ANNUALLY
FOR 30 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	400 ANNUALLY
FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,000 ANNUALLY
FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,500 ANNUALLY

Payments for Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program shall be made on the second pay in the month of November. Educational Incentive, effective 7/1/98, shall be added to base wage.

CALL FIREFIGHTERS  
HOURLY COMPENSATION RATE

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999                      10.00\*\*

\*\* This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

PERSONNEL BOARD

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

In the past, the Finance Committee has nearly always unanimously recommended approval of Article 4. This year the Finance Committee was divided.

Article 4 includes the salary-related benefits for all town employees except those in the school department. Most of these employees are in unions, and voters may not change the terms of their collective bargaining agreements at town meeting; but several are not in unions.

The majority of most department budgets are for salaries. The Finance Committee has had considerable discussion about the economy and its effect on the Town budget. In Fiscal Year '03 the increases in local revenues and state aid are insufficient to fund current departments' operations and will require cutbacks in either staffing or level of services. In the future, the Finance Committee strongly recommends that the Town reach collective bargaining agreements that can be funded within the constraints of Proposition 2½ and conservative expectations of state aid. This strong recommendation applies equally to the School Committee and the Selectmen. Leadership by both is urgently needed in this area.

A major concern for many members of the Finance Committee is the salary increases for senior management in general government - the salaries listed in Sections 1.100 and 2.100 above. Some members of the Finance Committee feel that the total amount of the salary increase is too high in such a difficult year. Nor are they persuaded by the argument for equity - that these increases are justified when compared with the School Committee's decision to grant even greater increases to School Department personnel. Also troubling was the Selectmen's recommendation that all senior management received 4%, though the Personnel Bylaw clearly directs salary increases to be allocated based on performance.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 6-5-0

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**ARTICLE 5**

To fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriation from other available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002, or act in any way relating thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**



Two budgets are offered for consideration at the end of this Warrant. The Finance Committee recommends a budget of \$45,750,006, including authorization of a \$1,591,799 from the Water Revenue Account. This budget is \$4,401,119 less than the budget recommended by the Board of Selectmen, the Library Trustees and the School Committee. The difference would result in a \$726 increase (in addition to the 2.5% increase allowed by Proposition 2½) in property taxes on a home assessed at \$285,000 (the average value of a house in Sharon). The Finance Committee's introduction to this Warrant explains our grave concerns for the town's financial health and our ability to continue to fund escalating operating costs – and the ability of citizens to pay the ever-increasing tax rates.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 11-0-1

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## ARTICLE 6

To hear the records of the donors of the Sharon Friends School Fund and to choose trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot, or to act in any way relative thereto.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 8-0-1

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## ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the special fund established to pay the Norfolk County Retirement Board for the Annual Assessment costs chargeable to the Town, and determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by a combination thereof, or act in any way relative thereto.

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Town pays for its retirement costs based on estimated actuarial needs provided by the Norfolk Retirement Board.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 7-0-1

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## ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying for the cost of services to perform an annual audit of accounts of the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year

2002 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and to determine whether to meet said appropriation by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by a combination thereof, or act in any way relative thereto.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article will appropriate \$26,000 to contract with an independent accounting firm for the annual audit of the Town's accounting records for the Fiscal Year ending in June 2002.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying for the cost of implementing and compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board requirements under Statement 34, which establishes new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States, and to determine whether to meet said appropriation by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by a combination thereof, or act in any way relative thereto.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of this article will appropriate \$30,000 to hire a consultant to assist in the implementation of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 34. GASB 34 represents a significant change to traditional government financial reporting standards. For the first time, accrual accounting is required for all government activities and all capital assets are required to be depreciated. GASB 34 will require that all fixed asset records must be maintained by entities in a complete, accurate and detailed manner and that governments report all capital assets net of depreciation, including infrastructure assets.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money so that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission may obtain no less than three and no more than four "As Is" completed appraisal reports of the property known as "Rattlesnake Hill." These appraisal reports would be obtained so that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission may proceed with the process of acquiring by gift, purchase or eminent domain under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79 and/or Chapter 80A, as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, in the name of the Town for conservation purposes the fee and/or a Conservation Restriction and/or the control of the ownership of the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

The property known as Rattlesnake Hill, situated in Sharon, Massachusetts, located on the easterly side of Mountain Street, consisting of 339.40 acres +/- and containing Lots AA, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 as shown on a "Plan of Land, Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass.," dated May 6, 1996, Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc., recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on May 30, 1996 in Plan Book 439, Plan No. 293, or as the same may be more particularly described, for the purpose of effecting a public improvement.

Upon receipt of all of the appraisal reports, the proposed acquisition amount would be based upon the average amount of the second and third highest values (in the event four appraisal reports are obtained) or the amount of the second highest value (in the event three appraisal reports are obtained).

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

JANET M. GILLEN

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of this article will appropriate \$25,000 so that the Board of Selectmen and/or Conservation Commission can obtain three independent appraisal reports on the property known as "Rattlesnake Hill." These appraisal reports may assist the Board of Selectman and/or Conservation Commission to acquire the property by gift, purchase or eminent domain.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 9-0-2

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**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account so that the Commission may acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, under Mass. General Laws, Chapter 79 and/or Chapter 80A as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, in the name of the Town for conservation purposes, the fee in and/or a Conservation Restriction on the following parcel of land or portions thereof:

The property known as Rattlesnake Hill, situated in Sharon, Massachusetts, located on the easterly side of Mountain Street, consisting of 339.40 acres +/- and containing Lots AA, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 as shown on a "Plan of Land, Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass.," dated May 6, 1996, Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc., recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on May 30, 1996 in Plan Book 439, Plan No. 293, or as the same may be more particularly described, for the purpose of effecting a public improvement.

And further, that if the Town proceeds with a proposed above-ground water storage tank, standpipe and water pressure system on the property shown as Lot 26 on the above-referenced plan, such area shall be excluded from the Conservation acquisition:



And further, to determined whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise and to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

And further, to determine whether this appropriation shall take effect only if the Town votes at an election held in accordance with G.L. c. 59, § 21C(m) to exempt the debt incurred herein from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ .

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Conservation Commission may withdraw this Article. The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners or by the Board of Selectmen so that the Town may acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, the fee in the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

The property now or formerly owned by The Rattlesnake Corporation, shown as Lot 26 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass." dated April 19, 1996, prepared by Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc., which is on file with the Sharon Town Clerk. Said parcel contains 42,842 square feet (0.98 acres), more or less;

and further, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the costs of engineering, design, legal, consulting and/or permitting for the design and/or construction of an above-ground water storage tank, standpipe and appurtenances and/or a fire substation and other general municipal purposes related thereto;

and further to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and/or 8 of the General Laws, by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, the State Revolving Fund, Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or otherwise, by payment out of the Water Surplus Fund through water receipts, water surplus, or betterments, as determined by the Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners or the Board of Selectmen; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing,

or to act in any way related thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Water Department desires to create a high-pressure district and storage tank. The total cost of this project is approximately equal to \$4,283,000, and the Water Department indicates that the project will take approximately three years to complete. The Department proposes to fund approximately \$1,283,000 of the project's costs from the Water Surplus Account. Approval of this Article will authorize the Water Department to borrow the balance of the project's costs -- approximately \$3,000,000. The Water Department proposes that the borrowing will be repaid from a combination of (i) existing funds in the Water Surplus Account, and (ii) additional revenue resulting from the previously increased water rates. While the Article's goals are laudable, the Finance Committee, after extensive deliberation and consideration, believes that there are more narrowly tailored, less fiscally onerous methods to achieve the Water Department's goals.

Based upon the Water Department's presentation to the Finance Committee, there appear to be two main purposes to this project, a general purpose (to increase the Town's water storage capacity on certain days in the summer) and a specific purpose (to improve water pressure for the approximately 80 homes in Sharon situated at higher elevations that encounter lower levels of water pressure on certain days in the summer). The Town Meeting issue before the ratepayers -- the citizens of Sharon who will ultimately fund this project -- is whether the project's goals justify the project's large expense at a time when Sharon's water system may have other more pressing capital needs. The Finance Committee does not believe the expense is justified at this time.

First, the bulk of the problems that the project addresses (including low pressure at the approximately 80 homes) occur during the summer months when outdoor watering is at its peak. The Water Advisory Committee informs us that the pressure problems and the storage problems will be solved if Sharon simply increases its water conservation measures, e.g., instituting more restrictive outdoor watering. Indeed, it is probable that the additional outdoor watering restriction announced by the Selectmen for this summer will mitigate some of the problems. In any event, a more restrictive watering ban has no cost on the ratepayers and will solve the problem at this time. Second, while there are arguments on both sides of the issue, it is unclear to the Finance Committee whether the effects of this project will exacerbate Sharon's already documented ground water shortage issues. Finally, regardless of the above measures, the Water Department could address the pressure problems faced by the residents of the approximately 80 homes most acutely affected by low water pressure at a greatly reduced cost by implementing a program that funds the residents the monies to purchase booster pumps.

One final note: the Water Department has indicated that this Article should be passed to ensure that there is sufficient water to combat a fire in the affected areas. The Finance Committee takes such a scenario very seriously. Accordingly, we have repeatedly asked the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to specifically answer whether the failure to pass this Article would result in an inadequate ability to combat a fire in the affected areas. In response, we have been informed that such is not the case and that there are mechanisms in place to ensure that there is sufficient water to fight fires in the affected areas.

The Finance Committee recommends indefinite postponement. Vote. 8-2-1

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**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Standing Building Committee, to supplement the sums raised under Article 3 of the December 3, 2001 Special Town Meeting, for construction, originally equipping, furnishing, remodeling, reconstruction, and/or making extraordinary repairs to the East Elementary School;

and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

It is likely that additional funds will not be needed for this project. The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the reconstructing or resurfacing of public ways and for original construction of sidewalks for the Department of Public Works and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$630,000 for the following public works projects:

\$80,000 for sidewalk improvements

\$550,000 for street improvements

This recommendation is for the yearly appropriation to maintain and improve the town's infrastructure in accordance with the long-term plan of the Department of Public Works. The Capital Outlay Committee decreased its recommendations from the amounts in past year appropriations due to the economic climate. The Finance Committee agrees with this recommendation and recommends approval of this article.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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## ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings, and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$450,000 for the following School Department projects:

\$30000	Classroom Rehabilitation (High School) for acoustical issue
\$50000	Student Furniture
\$63000	Technology
\$12000	Classroom Rehabilitation (Cottage) for acoustical issue
\$70000	Roof Repairs (SMS)
\$22000	Pressure Cookers (HS)
\$10000	HVAC Repairs (SMS/East)
\$27000	Office Rehabilitation (School Street)
\$16000	TV/VCRs (HS)
\$18000	Ventilation Repairs (SMS)
\$80000	Security System
\$52000	Vehicles

The Finance Committee accepted the recommendation of the Capital Outlay Committee with two exceptions: the purchase of laptop computers for a portable computer lab in the elementary schools and the request for flat screen LCD monitors for administrative staff. The Finance Committee questions the use of more expensive and less sturdy equipment such as laptops for use in the schools. While a laptop solution provides more flexibility in placement of computers, the additional cost, especially in times of economic hardship is not appropriate. The purchase of flat screen LCD monitors for administrative staff, typically at twice the cost of regular monitors, is an extravagance that would not be affordable even in good years. This reduced the technology line item from \$108,000 to \$63,000.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications to rehabilitate, renovate or construct additions

to the Wilber Municipal Building and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$175,000 for design costs to further the Wilber School project. In addition to this amount, the Board of Selectmen will attempt to utilize approximately \$144,000 of previously approved but unspent Senior Center design monies along with another \$50,000 remaining from funds approved last year and designated for preservation of the Wilber School.

The Finance Committee feels that although this project is desirable, it is not the appropriate time to bring this project forward. Funds allocated last year by Town Meeting should be used to preserve the building temporarily and this project should be brought forward at a later date. The current list of building projects being addressed by the Town precludes an additional major project from being initiated.

The Finance Committee recommends indefinite postponement. Vote: 7-2-2

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## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the development, design, purchase of computer hardware and software for the Data Processing Department and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

## DATA PROCESSING

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$285,000 for the planning, purchase and implementation of a new software package that will address the Town's accounting needs. The current accounting software vendor utilized by the Town has been absorbed by a larger organization that provides the software for the majority of towns in the Commonwealth. This appropriation will allow the Town to implement this system at a reduced cost, addressing glaring weaknesses identified in this past year's audit. A major enhancement the Town will realize from this implementation is the long overdue consolidation between the municipal and school accounting systems.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$164,000 for the departmental equipment in the public works department.

This recommendation is for the yearly appropriation to maintain the fleet of equipment for the Department of Public Works. The Capital Outlay Committee decreased its recommendations from the amounts in past year appropriations due to the economic climate.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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**ARTICLE 19**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for remodeling, reconstructing, and for making extraordinary repairs to the Community Center, for reconstructing recreational and athletic facilities and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Recreation Department and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$97,500 for the following Recreation Department projects:

- \$50000      Memorial Beach improvements
- \$10000     Community. Center improvements
- \$37500     Playground equipment

The improvements at Memorial Beach are a continuation of the project that was begun last year to address erosion issues at the beach along with making improvements. This project request was decreased due to the economic climate. The playground equipment funding is designed to supplement funds from the Friends of the Playground to replace unsafe equipment and improve the Ames Street playground.



The Finance Committee recommends approval for the above list of capital improvements: Vote: 10-0-1

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## ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum money for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Police Department and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

### POLICE

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$60,000 to replace two police cruisers. Historically, police vehicles were funded through the department's operating budget due to the short life expectancy of this type of vehicle, which precluded their capitalization. It has been argued that these cars are handed down to the DPW and thus have a longer life than three years. This shift to the capital budget allowed more room in the operating budget for the Police Department. The Finance Committee accepted this argument, assuming that these vehicle purchase will continue to be capital requests and not just in challenging economic years.

The Finance Committee recommends approval: Vote: 8-2-1

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## ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Council on Aging and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$56,000 to replace the mini-bus used by the Council on Aging.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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## ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Fire Department and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to borrow \$28,600 to purchase protective equipment for the Fire Department.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10 Police Regulations, Section 23 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the prohibition of the keeping of junk or other waste material on property, by deleting the existing section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 23.

- (a) No person or entity, corporate or otherwise, as owner or as one in control of premises, shall keep in the open in any area of the Town of Sharon, except land designated by the Board of Selectmen for public dumping purposes, any junk or other waste material including, but not limited to any junk automobile, wagon, truck, bus, cycle, or trailer as defined in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (b) For the purposes of this By-Law, junk is defined as (1) waste material, and/or (2) worn out, cast-off or discarded articles, worn out, cast-off or discarded appliances, parts stripped from vehicles, entire vehicle bodies or parts of vehicle bodies that are in disrepair, or materials that are ready for destruction or have been stored or collected for salvage or conversion into some other use.
- (c) No person or entity, corporate or otherwise, including, but not limited to, an individual or entity who repairs or remodels vehicles as a hobby, shall have more than one unregistered vehicle, car, truck or trailer ungaraged on his or her premises at any one time for more than sixty days.
- (d) Violations
  - 1. Once a written violation notice is issued, the owner and/or person or entity in control of the property shall have thirty days to correct the violation without penalty. If the violation is not corrected within said thirty days, a fine of \$100 per violation shall be imposed upon the owner and/or person or entity in control of the property. Such fines may be imposed as criminal fines, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 21 or civil fines pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, and Article 11 of these By-Laws.
  - 2. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Building Inspector, Police Department and/or a Prosecuting Officer of the Town of Sharon Police Department. The Building Inspector shall be responsible for maintenance of records pertaining to violations and penalties imposed hereunder.

3. For purpose of this section, the existence of a violation shall be deemed a separate offense for each day that such violation continues.
4. If the owner or person or entity in control of the property fails to pay fines issued for violations of this section, the Town may impose a lien upon the property pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 58.

Or to take any action relative thereto.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will amend the Police Regulations in Sharon's by-laws to prohibit the "keeping of junk automobiles, vehicle bodies or parts of vehicles in disrepair on private property." A similar article was not recommended at Town Meeting last year because the Finance Committee believed the language was excessively broad and subject to possible abuse. The current article has been modified and more clearly addresses only the problem of junk vehicles.

The Finance Committee recommends approval: Vote: 10-0-1.

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## ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11, Section 2 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the violations of the General By-Laws by amending subsection (2) so as to change the amount of the fine from "\$20. for each day violation continues and \$50. for each offense" to "\$100.00 per violation," so that the first section of item number two of said Section reads:

BY-LAW, RULE OR REGULATION	AMOUNT OF FINE	ENFORCING PERSON
2. Art. 20, Sec. 23 (Keeping of Junk Automobiles, etc.)	\$100. per violation	Police Dept., Prosecuting Officer, Building Insp.

Or to take any action relative thereto.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will increase the fines for "keeping junk automobiles." The current fine is \$50 for each offense and \$20 each day the violation continues. This article will increase the fine to \$100 per violation. Since acceptance of Article 23 defines that "the existence of a violation be deemed a separate offense each day that such violation continues," the fine increases to \$100 per day.

The Finance Committee recommends approval: Vote: 8-2-1.



## ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to seek the approval of the National Park Service to allow the following parcel of land to be used for purposes other than protected parkland and public outdoor recreation:

A certain portion of the property known as the Sacred Heart Site, which was acquired by the Town by deed of the Order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 5099, Page 169 and shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled "Plot Plan of Sacred Heart Property, Sharon, Mass." dated June 1973 by the Sharon Engineering Department which plan is recorded in said Registry as Plan Number 1102 of 1974, Plan Book 247. The portion of Parcel A to be removed from parkland and public outdoor recreational use contains approximately 3.03 acres and is shown as Parcel "N" on a plan entitled "Proposed Park Land Conversion" prepared by the Sharon Engineering Department which is on file with the Town Clerk.

Said Parcel "N" is to be used for a senior center and/or construction of recreational building(s) and related facilities and/or parking. In exchange for the removal of Parcel "N" from the parkland restriction, the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission will grant to the National Park Service, or such other designated federal or state agency, a replacement parkland restriction on land acquired by the Town pursuant to Article 11 of the May 7, 2001 Annual Town Meeting, known as the King Philip Rock property, consisting of approximately 91 acres.

And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to seek the assent and/or approval of the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development and such other state agencies or officials as may be required to permit such conversion.

And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission and/or such other Town agencies or officials as may be appropriate to take such other actions, execute such agreements and execute such other documents as may be required to accomplish the foregoing.

Or to act in any way relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will allow the town to increase the amount of land available for recreational purposes at Deborah Sampson Park. Three acres of land at Deborah Sampson Park are unencumbered by a passive use restriction and are therefore available for recreational development. This article would authorize the Selectmen to increase the unencumbered parcel by exchanging land of equal recreational value already held for conservation purposes at King Philip's Rock. Such action will increase options for future recreational development of facilities at Deborah Sampson Park, although no specific projects are currently being proposed.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 8-2-1

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## ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of a statute entitled "An Act Providing An Early Retirement Incentive Program for Certain Employees," filed in the Massachusetts House of Representatives by Representative Brian Dempsey on January 11, 2002 as House Docket Number as 4950.

Said bill provides for an early retirement incentive program for municipal employees.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At Warrant deadline, an early retirement bill was still pending in the Massachusetts legislature. The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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## ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-Law by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the following parcel from the Rural District 1 and establishing the same parcels as a Light Industrial District:

The following parcels of land identified by the Sharon Assessors Map as Lots located on Foxboro Town Line:

Map 056, Block 004, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Frank Gobbi, 0 South Walpole Street, 63.87 acres.

Map 057, Block 001, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Frank Gobbi, 0 South Main Street, 2.33 acres.

Map 047, Block 003, Lot 000 B Nor or formerly owned by Michael Tranavitch, 0 South Main Street, 11.52 acres.

Map 047, Block 020, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Frank Gobbi, 0 South Main Street, 19.1 acres.

Map 047, Block 001, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Frank Gobbi, 0729R South Main Street, 35.43 acres.

Total Area to be rezoned = approximately 132.25 acres.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

### PLANNING BOARD

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Once again, at the Warrant deadline, the Planning Board had not held its required public hearing and there had been insufficient input from the abutters and other interested parties. The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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## ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-Law by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the following parcels from the Rural District 1 and establishing the same parcels as a Light Industrial District:

The following parcels of land identified by the Sharon Assessor's Map as lots located on the following streets:

Map 130, Block 031, Lot 001 - Now or formerly owned by Clifford G. Goodband and Mary Ellen Goodband, 361 Norwood Street B 3.83 acres.

Map 130, Block 031, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Clifford G. Goodband and Mary Ellen Goodband, 363 Norwood Street B 22 acres.

Map 131, Block 030, Lot 002 B Now or formerly owned by Michael H. Zea, 70 Edgehill Road B 2.44 acres.

Map 131, Block 033, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Boston Edison, 100 Edgehill Road B 8.24 acres.

Map 135, Block 004, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Norman F. & Xiau Wei Siu Yee, 0 Iris Lane, - 9.93 acres.

Map 135, Block 006, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Lee Development Corp., 22 Tiot Street B 4.19 acres.

Map 131, Block 034, Lot 005 B Now or formerly owned by Stephen Hebb & Denise M. Hebb, 172 Edgehill Road B 2.85 acres.

Map 131, Block 031, Lot 001 B Now or formerly owned by Clifford G. Goodband and Mary Ellen Goodband, 80 Edgehill Road - .34 acres.

Map 131, Block 029, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by Clifford G. Goodband and Mary Ellen Goodband, 60 Edgehill Road B 1.79 acres.

Map 130, Block 030, Lot 000 B Now or formerly owned by John Morandi, 360 Norwood Street B 6 acres.

Total area to be rezoned = approximately 61.61 acres.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:



Once again, at the Warrant deadline, the Planning Board had not held it's required public hearing and there had been insufficient input from the abutters and other interested parties. The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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## ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding a new Subsection C. to Article 10, Police Regulations, Section 29, Public Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, so as to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public sidewalks in conjunction with a duly-licensed restaurant offering outdoor seating, so that Article 10, Section 29, Subsection C shall read as follows:

- C. Notwithstanding subsection B above, the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the issuance of a license to serve alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, in accordance with Chapter 138 of the General Laws, may permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, on public sidewalks as part of outdoor restaurant seating and food consumption.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will authorize the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to license the serving of alcoholic beverages to restaurant patrons who are dining outside. Currently, Coriander is the only Sharon restaurant with adequate sidewalk space and an interest in offering this service to patrons. The Finance Committee believes that outdoor dining during the warm weather is a positive development in the continued revitalization of Post Office Square.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 8-2-1

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## ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to consider the following items A through H, which will be voted as a block, or singly, or in any combination, but however voted, will be treated for accounting purposes as if each item were voted as a separate article, or to act in any way relative thereto:

### A. Library Public-Use Supplies Revolving Funds

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund to be known henceforth as the Library Public-Use Supplies Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E½ or act in any way relative thereto.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire supplies associated with the use of public-use computer printers and FAXes such as, but not limited to, paper and ink cartridges. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies collected as a user fee paid by the users of computer printers and/or the recipients of FAXes. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the supplies. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2003 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

Or act in any way relating thereto.

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

#### **B. School Bus Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the School Bus Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ or act in any way related thereto.

The purpose of this fund shall be to support the fee-based student transportation system established for those students not eligible for free transportation. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies collected from parents and guardians of students who are not eligible for free transportation and who wish to purchase school bus transportation. The Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, shall be authorized to expend from the fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2003 and in any event shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five thousand (\$275,000.00) dollars.

Or act in any way relating thereto.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

#### **C. Street Opening Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1992, known as the Street Opening Fund as provided by M.G.L; Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

The purpose of this fund is to defray the cost of making permanent repairs to openings in Town streets by utility companies, contractors, and/or the Town Water Division.

Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by utility companies, contractors and/or the Town Water Division in accordance with the requirements of the Town of Sharon Street Opening Manual. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any event shall not exceed twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars.

Or act in any way relating thereto.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### **D. Recycling Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1991 known as the Recycling Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund is to support the recycling program of the Town of Sharon and to purchase and install shade trees and shrubs to be planted in the public ways of the Town and otherwise as provided for in Section 7, Chapter 87 of the General statutes. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies derived from the sale of recycled materials including, but not limited to, newspaper, glass, metals and plastics, the sale of leaf bags, and disposal fees for certain special wastes generated by the citizens of Sharon including, but not limited to, batteries, tires, and used motor oil and white goods, and an amount equal to the number of tons of material recycled times the Tipping Fee at the SEMASS facility to be transferred from the Tipping Fee Escrow Fund. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003, and in any event shall not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars.

Or act in any way relating thereto.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

##### **E. Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

The purpose of this fund is to prepare for future cable licensing or relicensing. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the annual proceeds received by the Town from the cable television licensee under the terms of a Renewal License granted by the Board of Selectmen. Said license requires that to the extent authorized by Chapter 166A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and permitted by Federal Communication Commission regulations, 50 cents per subscriber per year be forwarded to the Town annually.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any case shall not exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

Any unused balance, subject to subsequent Town Meeting authorization, shall carry forward for the benefit of Sharon cable subscribers to cover any costs incurred at the time of license issuance or renewal.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to expend from this fund.

Or act in any way relative thereto.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

##### **F. Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund**

To see if the town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund known as the "Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund" in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.



The purpose of this fund shall be to defray the cost of advertising for hearings and meetings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by persons requesting hearings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2003 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

Or act in any way relating thereto.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### **G. Library Materials Replacement Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund first established for fiscal year 1993 known as the Library Materials Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire equivalent Public Library materials to replace items lost by those who borrow such materials. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by the borrowers of the lost materials. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the material. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any case shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

Or act in any way relative thereto.

#### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### **H. Recreation Department Programs Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund first established for fiscal year 2002 known as the Recreation Department Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund is to support the fee-based recreation department programs. Receipts to be deposited into this fund shall be monies collected from users of the recreation department programs and facilities. The Recreation Director, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2003 shall not exceed the balance carried forward from Fiscal Year 2002 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2003 and in any event shall not exceed \$100,000.00

Or to act in any relating thereto.

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article will re-authorize Revolving Funds (A through H) that were established at prior town meetings. State law requires an annual vote. These funds are reviewed individually by the Town Treasurer and reported to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends. Vote: 7-3-1

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## ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding a new Article 36, entitled "Community Preservation Committee," which establishes said Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, which shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of administering the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, which shall consist of seven members as follows: One member from the Conservation Commission established under section 8C of chapter 40, as designated by that Commission, who shall serve for an initial term of three years; one member from the Historical Commission established under section 8D of chapter 40, as designated by that Commission, who shall serve for an initial term of two years; one member from the Planning Board established under section 81A of chapter 41, as designated by that Board, who shall serve for an initial term of three years; one member appointed by the Board of Selectmen, acting as Park Commissioners under section 2 of chapter 45, as designated by that Board, who shall serve for an initial term of two years; and one member from the Housing Authority established under section 3 of chapter 121B as designated by that Authority, who shall serve for an initial term of three years. The remaining two members of said Committee shall be at-large members, one appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and one appointed by the Moderator each for an initial term of one year. Thereafter each member shall be appointed for a three-year term. Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

The adoption of said new Article 36 of the General By-Laws shall take effect only if the Town has voted at a next municipal election or general state election to accept the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, § 3 through 7.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this Article will create a Community Preservation Committee in the town of Sharon. The Committee will administer the disposition of funds for housing, open space preservation, recreation facilities and preservation of historic structures in the town. Actual expenditure of funds will require a vote at town meeting.

Both the Board of Selectmen and the petitioners of Article 32 are now in agreement about the composition of this Committee, which will include a fair mix of members from the Town's committees responsible for conservation, planning, and governance.

Establishment of the Committee is contingent upon the outcome of the ballot vote to accept the Community Preservation Act.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 7-1-3

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## ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-laws by adding a new Article 36, entitled "Community Preservation Committee," which establishes said Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, which shall read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be established a Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of administering the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, which shall comprise seven members as follows: One member of the Conservation Commission established under section 8C of chapter 40, as designated by said Conservation Commission, who shall serve for an initial term of three years; one member appointed by said Conservation Commission who shall serve for an initial term of two years; one member of the Planning Board established under section 81A of chapter 41, as designated by said Planning Board, who shall serve for an initial term of two years; one member appointed by said Planning Board who shall serve for an initial term of one year; One member of the Housing Authority as established under section 3 of chapter 121B, as designated by said Housing Authority, who shall serve for an initial term of three years; one member of the Historical Commission established under section 8D of chapter 40, as designated by said Historical Commission, who shall serve for an initial term of two years; one member of the Board of Park Commissioners under section 2 of chapter 45, as designated by said Park Commissioners, who shall serve for an initial term of one year. Thereafter each member shall be appointed for a three-year term. Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

The adoption of said new Article 36 of the General By-laws shall take effect only if the Town has voted at a municipal election or general state election, to accept the pertinent provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B.

Or to act in any other way relating thereto.

MARILYN Z. KAHN

## FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

This Article was presented by petition. The petitioners have reached agreement with the Board of Selectmen and all now support Article 31.

The Finance Committee recommends indefinite postponement. Vote: 10-0-1

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## ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the full apportionment of the 2001 and 2002 State Transportation Bond Issue and to appropriate such sums as available funds for highway



construction, detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant Chapter 53C and Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999, or to act in any way related thereto.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will enable the Town to receive reimbursement from the State Chapter 90 funding for eligible road improvement projects.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 7-3-1

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### ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding a new Section 30A to Article 10, Police Regulations, entitled "False 911 Calls" which shall impose fines for the misuse of the so-called "911" emergency telephone service, which shall read as follows:

#### SECTION 30A. False 911 Calls

##### A. Definitions.

1. 911 Call: A call received by the Sharon Police Department as a result of a user of telephone service dialing or causing to be dialed the numbers "911" on a telephone, whether by manually dialing such numbers or by the use of an automatic alarm or other alerting device used to dial the numbers "911" automatically or a prerecorded message which accesses emergency services directly.
2. False Alarm: The dialing of the numbers "911" on a telephone by either:
  - (a) activation, through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or negligence of the user or its employees or agents, of an automatic alarm or other alerting device used to dial the numbers "911" automatically; or
  - (b) a user of a telephone system who negligently dials, causes to be dialed, or allows to be dialed, the numbers "911" when in fact there has been no emergency or event requiring a response by public safety officials, including, but not limited to, the police department, the fire department, or emergency medical technicians.
  - (c) for purposes of this Section 30A, activation of 911 telephone calls by acts of God, including but not limited to, power outages, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and similar weather or atmospheric disturbances shall not be deemed to be a false alarm. In addition, any documented error or omission of the company providing telephone service which causes to be placed a 911 call in error shall not be deemed to be a false alarm.

##### B. Penalties

1. Upon receipt of three or more false alarms within a calendar year from the same user, said user shall be assessed \$50.00 as a false alarm service fee for each false alarm in excess of

three occurring within a calendar year. All fees assessed hereunder shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of this article will change the Town's General By-Laws by adding a new Section 30A to Article 10, Police Regulation, entitled "False 911 Calls" which will allow the Police Department to assess a fine for the misuse of the Town's 911 emergency telephone service. The fine will be levied only after the third violation in a calendar year. The vote taken under Warrant Article 35 of this Annual Town Meeting will determine the amount of the fine.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 10-0-1

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**ARTICLE 35**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11, Section 2 of the General By-laws of the Town, relative to the violations of the General By-Laws by amending subsection 1, so as to provide for fines for new Section 30A, so that the first section of item number one of said Section reads:

BY-LAW, RULE OR REGULATION	AMOUNT OF FINE	ENFORCING PERSON
1. Art. 10, Sec. 1-22, 25-30A (Misc. police regulations)	\$50. for each	Police Dept., Prosecuting Officer, or in the case of land owned by the Cons. Comm, the Cons. Officer.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of this article will amend Article 11, Section 2 of the Town's General By-laws by establishing a \$50.00 fine for violations of the new Section 30A - the "911 By-law" voted on in Article 34.

The Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote: 9-0-2

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**ARTICLE 36**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 32 of the Town Bylaw relative to building permits and fees, by deleting the existing Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 in their entirety and substituting the following therefore:

## Section 2. Building Permits and Fees

- 2.1 New Residential Construction: The fee for all new residential building permits shall be computed at the rate of \$0.55 per square foot of gross living and garage space. This fee shall apply to all new construction of single and multiple family housing and shall be based on architectural plans submitted by the applicant.
- 2.2 Existing Residential Construction: The permit fee for all additions, alterations, repairs, accessory buildings, swimming pools, demolition, and relocation shall be computed at the rate of \$9.00 per thousand dollars of estimated construction cost provided, however, that in no event shall the fee be less than \$40.00.
- 2.3 New Non-Residential Construction: The fee for all new non-residential building permits shall be computed at the rate of \$0.65 per square foot of gross floor space. The new non-residential construction fee shall apply to all non-residential construction including, but not limited to, commercial, industrial, office, and school structures, provided, however, that for non-profit tax-exempt schools, houses of religious worship or buildings accessory thereto, the maximum fee shall be \$500.00.
- 2.4 Existing Non-Residential Construction: The permit fee for all additions, alterations, repairs, accessory buildings, demolition, and relocation shall be computed at the rate of \$12.00 per thousand dollars of estimated construction cost provided, however, that in no event shall the fee be less than \$60.00. The maximum fee for non-profit tax-exempt schools, houses of religious worship or buildings accessory thereto shall be \$500.00.
- 2.5 The estimated construction cost (Sections 2.2 and 2.4 above) shall be computed by multiplying the gross floor area (sq. ft.) by the average square foot cost as published in the latest edition of "Building Construction Cost Data" by R. S. Means Company, Inc. or other similar recognized national survey. For activities not included in recognized references, the Inspector of Buildings shall compute the estimated cost on the basis of knowledge of the building trades and his/her best experience and training.
- 2.6 Other Building Related Fees:
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|---|----------------|
| a. Re-roofing or re-siding:   | 50.00          |
| b. Reissue permit or permit card:   | 30.00          |
| c. Solid fuel burning device:   | 40.00          |
| d. Amendments to plans:   | 40.00          |
| e. Plan research/examination:   | 40.00 per hour |
| f. Certification of Inspection: See Table 106, (Article 106, Section 106.5) State Building Code, which Table is hereby incorporated by reference. |                |

## Section 3. Electrical Permits and Fees

- 3.1 Residential Wiring:
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| a. New construction, per dwelling unit (not including heat/smoke detectors): | 75.00 |
| b. Fire alarm systems (heat/smoke detectors):                                | 40.00 |
| c. Temporary service:  | 30.00 |



d. Alterations/rewiring (per dwelling unit):	40.00
e. Alterations/rewiring B add heat/smoke	30.00
f. Swimming pool B in ground:	50.00
g. Swimming pool B above ground:	30.00
h. Service change:	30.00
i. Service change with appliance outlets:	40.00
j. Special B security, low voltage, entertainment, etc.	30.00

### 3.2 Non-residential Wiring:

a. New construction, alterations, additions - minimum plus 3% of contract price	50.00
b. Industrial maintenance fee: An annual \$100.00 fee will be assessed to industrial plants employing resident licensed electricians performing work which requires periodic inspection.	

### Section 4. Plumbing and Gas Permits and Fees

4.1 Plumbing, all:	30.00+
plus 8.00 per fixture	
4.2 Gas, natural and bottled, all:	30.00
4.3 Lawn sprinkler system (per inspection)	30.00
4.4 Underground test:	40.00
4.5 Fire protection system (per inspection)	30.00
4.6 Reinspection fee, work not ready or rejected	40.00
4.7 Replacement hot water heater B no electric	30.00

### Section 5. Combination Electric and Plumbing/Gas Permit

5.1 Replacement hot water heaters	40.00
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or act in any way thereto.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Acceptance of this article will amend the Town's By-Laws to increase the building permits and fees. The last revision was thirteen years ago. This increase will bring us in line with fees charged in other towns in our area.

The Finance Committee recommends. Vote: 8-1-2

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**ARTICLE 37**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3100 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Off Street Parking and Loading, by amending Section 3112 to include Professional Districts, so that Section 3112 shall read as follows:

**3112. Location of Parking.** All parking, including access thereto, which is accessory to uses within the Business A and C and Professional Districts shall be provided within the same district . . .

Or to take any action related thereto.

**CHARLES HEINBERG**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Acceptance of this article would amend the zoning by-laws of the town to provide the same treatment for parking in "Professional Districts" as is already afforded parking in Business A and Business C zoned areas.

The Finance Committee recommends approval: 8-0-3.

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**ARTICLE 38**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the following parcel from the Single Residence A District and establishing the same as a Professional District:

The parcel of land known as and numbered 440 North Main Street, identified more particularly on Sharon Assessor's Map 122, Lot 21 and in a deed from Edward V. Paul and Eleanor L. Paul to Charles A. Heinberg, Trustee of the Jericho Realty Trust, dated November 4, 1999 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 14040, Page 014.

Or to take any action related thereto.

**CHARLES HEINBERG**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

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**ARTICLE 39**

To see if the Town will vote to abandon and relocate the twenty foot wide drainage easement located on property known as and numbered 140 East Foxboro Street, granted to the Town by deed of Robert F. Muse dated June 20, 1957 recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 3580, Page 67 and shown as





**And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.**

**Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.**

**Given under our hands this 19 day of March, A.D., 2002.**

**WALTER JOE ROACH, CHAIR**

**ALLEN M. GARF**

**NORMAN KATZ**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**A True Copy: JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN, Constable**

**Sharon, Massachusetts**

**Dated: March 19, 2002**

**Article 5 Recapitulation  
"Non-Override"**

		FY 03 - NO OVERRIDE		FY 02		FY 01
		FY03	% incr	FY02	% incr	FY01
		Appropri	over FY02	Appropri	over FY01	Appropri
114	Moderator	\$50	0.0%	\$50	0.0%	\$50
131	Finance Committee	\$4,380	-6.4%	\$4,678	0.0%	\$4,678
141	Board of Assessors	\$179,521	-2.1%	\$183,338	1.5%	\$180,588
152	Personnel Board	\$3,321	-5.0%	\$3,496	2.9%	\$3,398
161	Town Clerk	\$97,373	-6.5%	\$104,098	8.8%	\$95,674
171	Conservation Commission	\$68,375	-5.0%	\$71,974	7.0%	\$67,245
172	Lake Management	\$2,375	-5.0%	\$2,500	0.0%	\$2,500
175	Planning Board	\$12,952	-5.0%	\$13,634	6.4%	\$12,814
176	Board of Appeals	\$14,778	-5.0%	\$15,556	7.5%	\$14,472
180	Development & Industrial Com	\$1	0.0%	\$1	0.0%	\$1
510	Board of Health Services & Admin	\$123,117	-3.0%	\$126,956	3.1%	\$123,092
	<i>Waste Removal is in "Fixed &amp; Uncontrollable" budgets</i>					
810	Library	\$635,709	-4.8%	\$667,498	8.5%	\$615,157
<b>TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGETS</b>		<b>\$1,141,952</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>	<b>\$1,193,779</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>\$1,119,669</b>
122	Selectmen	\$222,706	0.7%	\$221,100	7.8%	\$205,122
135	Accountant	\$176,689	2.4%	\$172,533	6.4%	\$162,174
145	Treasurer	\$275,919	-11.3%	\$311,238	18.7%	\$262,136
151	Law	\$95,000	2.4%	\$92,746	10.0%	\$84,315
156	Data Processing	\$134,280	-24.0%	\$176,745	13.6%	\$155,653
162	Elections & Registration	\$85,221	27.9%	\$66,612	-7.9%	\$72,333
186	Affirmative Action	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0
195	Town Report	\$10,500	5.0%	\$10,000	5.8%	\$9,450
199	Sign Committee	\$50	0.0%	\$50	0.0%	\$50
210	Police	\$2,241,817	-1.2%	\$2,268,063	7.7%	\$2,106,809
220	Fire	\$1,257,338	1.1%	\$1,243,418	5.0%	\$1,184,208
231	Ambulance*	\$399,971	11.3%	\$359,271	-3.3%	\$371,409
244	Weights & Measures	\$3,683	2.6%	\$3,590	81.3%	\$1,980
240	Animal Inspector	\$3,000	0.0%	\$3,000	200.0%	\$1,000
291	Civil Defense	\$9,000	-8.3%	\$9,817	5.0%	\$9,350
291	Animal Control	\$48,550	0.8%	\$48,154	7.1%	\$44,950
401	Public Works	\$1,854,501	-4.9%	\$1,950,561	7.1%	\$1,820,943
541	Council on Aging	\$190,459	1.7%	\$187,353	13.6%	\$164,937
543	Veterans' Agent	\$17,177	1.9%	\$16,852	10.0%	\$15,320
544	Veterans' Graves	\$2,640	0.0%	\$2,640	10.0%	\$2,400
545	Commission on Disability	\$500	-67.7%	\$1,550	0.0%	\$1,550
547	Housing Partnership	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0
630	Recreation	\$254,765	-24.8%	\$338,871	8.8%	\$311,577
691	Historical Commission	\$150	0.0%	\$150	0.0%	\$150
692	Community Celebrations	\$1,885	0.0%	\$1,885	21.2%	\$1,555
<b>TOTAL SELECTMEN BUDGETS</b>		<b>\$7,285,801</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	<b>\$7,486,199</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>\$6,989,371</b>
	* includes \$300,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund					
320	Voc Tech School	\$10,757	-35.4%	\$16,645	57.4%	\$10,578
321	Voc Tuition	\$24,000	0.0%	\$24,000	100.0%	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL ED BUDGET</b>		<b>\$34,757</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>	<b>\$40,645</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>\$22,578</b>
310	School Department	\$22,769,695	-4.3%	\$23,803,089	7.6%	\$22,114,993
	SNARC	\$9,916	0.0%	\$9,916	0.0%	\$9,916
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$22,779,611</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>	<b>\$23,813,005</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>\$22,124,909</b>

**Article 5 Recapitulation  
"Non-Override"**

		<b>FY 03 - NO OVERRIDE</b>		<b>FY 02</b>		<b>FY 01</b>
		<i>FY03</i>	<i>% incr</i>	<i>FY02</i>	<i>% incr</i>	<i>FY01</i>
		<i>Appropri</i>	<i>over FY02</i>	<i>Appropri</i>	<i>over FY01</i>	<i>Appropri</i>
132	Reserve Fund	\$420,000	5.0%	\$400,000	14.3%	\$350,000
490	Street Lights	\$196,800	-24.0%	\$259,100	5.4%	\$245,925
510	Bd of Health - Waste Removal	\$105,789	29.3%	\$81,804	28.1%	\$63,863
710	Debt: Principal	\$4,720,000	23.5%	\$3,822,325	3.5%	\$3,693,224
715	Debt: Interest	\$1,864,638	28.3%	\$1,453,742	0.9%	\$1,441,346
914	FICA: Medicare	\$360,000	20.0%	\$300,000	17.6%	\$255,000
915	FICA: Soc. Security	\$70,000	7.7%	\$65,000	14.0%	\$57,000
920	Insurance	\$4,159,517	30.0%	\$3,199,161	21.8%	\$2,627,617
	Unemployment	\$150,000		\$0	-100.0%	\$50,000
	Annual Audit	\$26,000	-10.3%	\$29,000	0.0%	\$29,000
	Retirement	\$1,153,258	2.0%	\$1,130,358	4.1%	\$1,085,578
<b>TOTAL "FIXED &amp; UNCONTROLLABLE"</b>		<b>\$13,226,002</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>\$10,740,490</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>\$9,898,553</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN BUDGET</b>		<b>\$44,458,207</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>\$43,264,202</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>\$40,145,164</b>
450	Water Department	\$1,591,799	11.0%	\$1,434,103	10.4%	\$1,298,734



**Article 5 Recapitulation  
"Override"**

		<b>FY 03 - OVERRIDE</b>		<b>FY 02</b>		<b>FY 01</b>
		<b>FY03</b>	<b>% Incr</b>	<b>FY02</b>	<b>% Incr</b>	<b>FY01</b>
		<b>Appropri</b>	<b>over FY02</b>	<b>Appropri</b>	<b>over FY01</b>	<b>Appropri</b>
114	Moderator	\$50	0.0%	\$50	0.0%	\$50
131	Finance Committee	\$4,380	-6.4%	\$4,678	0.0%	\$4,678
141	Board of Assessors	\$179,521	-2.1%	\$183,338	1.5%	\$180,588
152	Personnel Board	\$3,321	-5.0%	\$3,496	2.9%	\$3,398
161	Town Clerk	\$97,373	-6.5%	\$104,098	8.8%	\$95,674
171	Conservation Commission	\$68,375	-5.0%	\$71,974	7.0%	\$67,245
172	Lake Management	\$2,375	-5.0%	\$2,500	0.0%	\$2,500
175	Planning Board	\$12,952	-5.0%	\$13,634	6.4%	\$12,814
176	Board of Appeals	\$14,778	-5.0%	\$15,556	7.5%	\$14,472
180	Development & Industrial Com	\$1	0.0%	\$1	0.0%	\$1
510	Board of Health Services & Admin	\$132,417	4.3%	\$126,956	3.1%	\$123,092
<i>Waste Removal is in "Fixed &amp; Uncontrollable" budgets</i>						
810	Library	\$670,709	0.5%	\$667,498	8.5%	\$615,157
<b>TOTAL FIN COM BUDGETS</b>		<b>\$1,186,252</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>\$1,193,779</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>\$1,119,669</b>
122	Selectmen	\$226,141	2.3%	\$221,100	7.8%	\$205,122
135	Accountant	\$180,470	4.6%	\$172,533	6.4%	\$162,174
145	Treasurer	\$301,369	-3.2%	\$311,238	18.7%	\$262,136
151	Law	\$102,021	10.0%	\$92,746	10.0%	\$84,315
156	Data Processing	\$175,183	-0.9%	\$176,745	13.6%	\$155,653
162	Elections & Registration	\$85,221	27.9%	\$66,612	-7.9%	\$72,333
186	Affirmative Action	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0
195	Town Report	\$11,000	10.0%	\$10,000	5.8%	\$9,450
199	Sign Committee	\$50	0.0%	\$50	0.0%	\$50
210	Police	\$2,356,061	3.9%	\$2,268,063	7.7%	\$2,106,809
220	Fire	\$1,312,003	5.5%	\$1,243,418	5.0%	\$1,184,208
231	Ambulance*	\$399,971	11.3%	\$359,271	-3.3%	\$371,409
244	Weights & Measures	\$3,949	10.0%	\$3,590	81.3%	\$1,980
240	Animal Inspector	\$3,000	0.0%	\$3,000	200.0%	\$1,000
291	Civil Defense	\$10,308	5.0%	\$9,817	5.0%	\$9,350
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<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>		<b>\$48,877,243</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>\$43,264,202</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>\$40,145,164</b>
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